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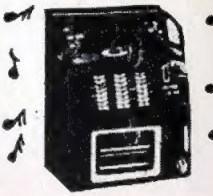

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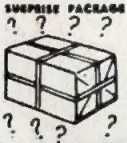

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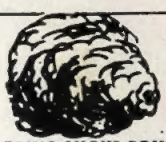

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HA, HA, HO, HO, HO... I'VE STILL GOT A HATFUL OF TRICKS TO FOIL YOU, BATMAN!
DON'T FLIP YOUR LIP--BUT JERVIS TETCH IS BACK TO HEAP A HATFUL OF TROUBLE ON GOTHAM CITY AND THE DYNAMIC DUO WITH MORE OF HIS MADCAP CRIMES! STILL A FANATICAL HAT COLLECTOR, THE SLY VILLAIN NOW SEEKS TO UTILIZE THEM TO GAIN A FORTUNE! AND BATMAN AND ROBIN FIND THEMSELVES ON THE BRIM OF DESPAIR AS THEY ATTEMPT TO SOLVE...

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BOB KANE

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BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS YOUNG WARD, DICK GRAYSON, BOLT DOWN A SECRET STAIRWAY IN THE WAYNE MANSION AS...

...AND ESCAPED CONVICT JERVIS TETCH WAS LAST SEEN ON THE HIGHWAY TO GOTHAM...

THE MAD HATTER--ON THE LOOSE AGAIN! WE'LL HAVE TO DRESS FOR THE OCCASION IN OUR CRIME-FIGHTING TOGS, DICK!

MINUTES LATER, IN THE DEPTHS OF THE BAT-CAVE...

HE SURE WAS A ZANY CRIMINAL, BATMAN-- A HOBBY-ROBBER WHO KEPT A CRIME COLLECTION OF BIZARRE STOLEN HATS!

YES, ROBIN, HE WAS A HATFUL OF TROUBLE FOR SOCIETY... AND US!

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F.D.

YES, CHIEF!

ABRUPTLY, NEAR PANIC FILLS THE BANK AS...

B-BUT THE MONEY IN THE CAGES... THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS!

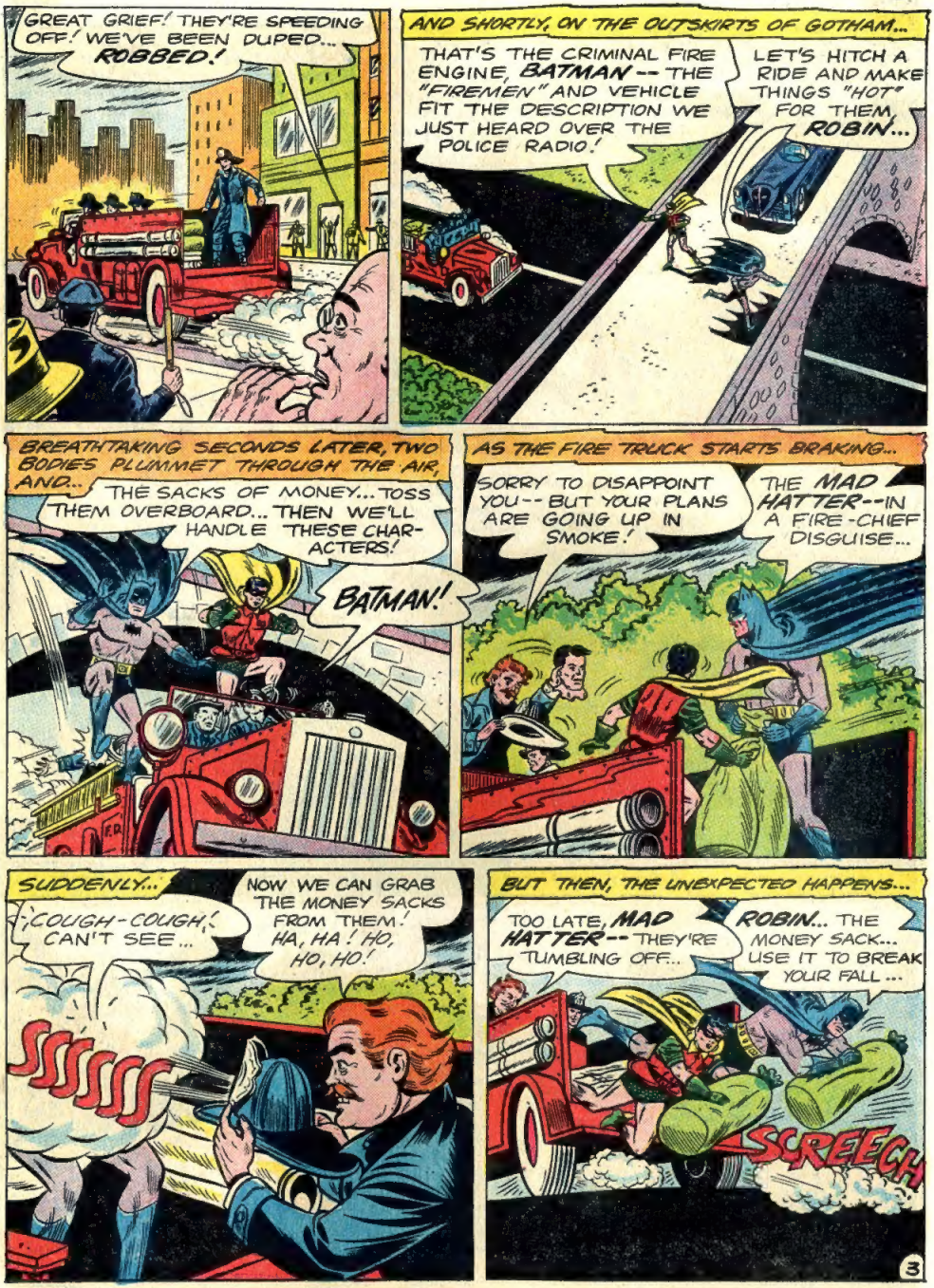
THERE'S IMMEDIATE DANGER, SIR! CLEAR YOUR EMPLOYEES FROM THE AREA--MY MEN WILL TAKE CARE OF YOUR FUNDS! HURRY!

TENSE MINUTES PASS -- THEN...

HURRAH! THEY'VE SAVED THE BANK FUNDS!

BUT... WHY ARE THEY GETTING INTO THE FIRE ENGINE?

F.D.


GREAT GRIEF! THEY'RE SPEEDING OFF! WE'VE BEEN DUPED... ROBBED!
AND SHORTLY, ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF GOTHAM...
THAT'S THE CRIMINAL FIRE ENGINE, BATMAN -- THE "FIREMEN" AND VEHICLE FIT THE DESCRIPTION WE JUST HEARD OVER THE POLICE RADIO!
LET'S HITCH A RIDE AND MAKE THINGS "HOT" FOR THEM, ROBIN...
BREATHTAKING SECONDS LATER, TWO BODIES PLUMMET THROUGH THE AIR, AND...
THE SACKS OF MONEY... TOSS THEM OVERBOARD... THEN WE'LL HANDLE THESE CHARACTERS!
BATMAN!
AS THE FIRE TRUCK STARTS BRAKING...
SORRY TO DISAPPOINT YOU -- BUT YOUR PLANS ARE GOING UP IN SMOKE!
THE MAD HATTER -- IN A FIRE-CHIEF DISGUISE...
SUDDENLY...
;COUGH-COUGH;, CAN'T SEE...
NOW WE CAN GRAB THE MONEY SACKS FROM THEM! HA, HA! HO, HO, HO!
SSSSSS
BUT THEN, THE UNEXPECTED HAPPENS...
TOO LATE, MAD HATTER -- THEY'RE TUMBLING OFF...
ROBIN... THE MONEY SACK... USE IT TO BREAK YOUR FALL...
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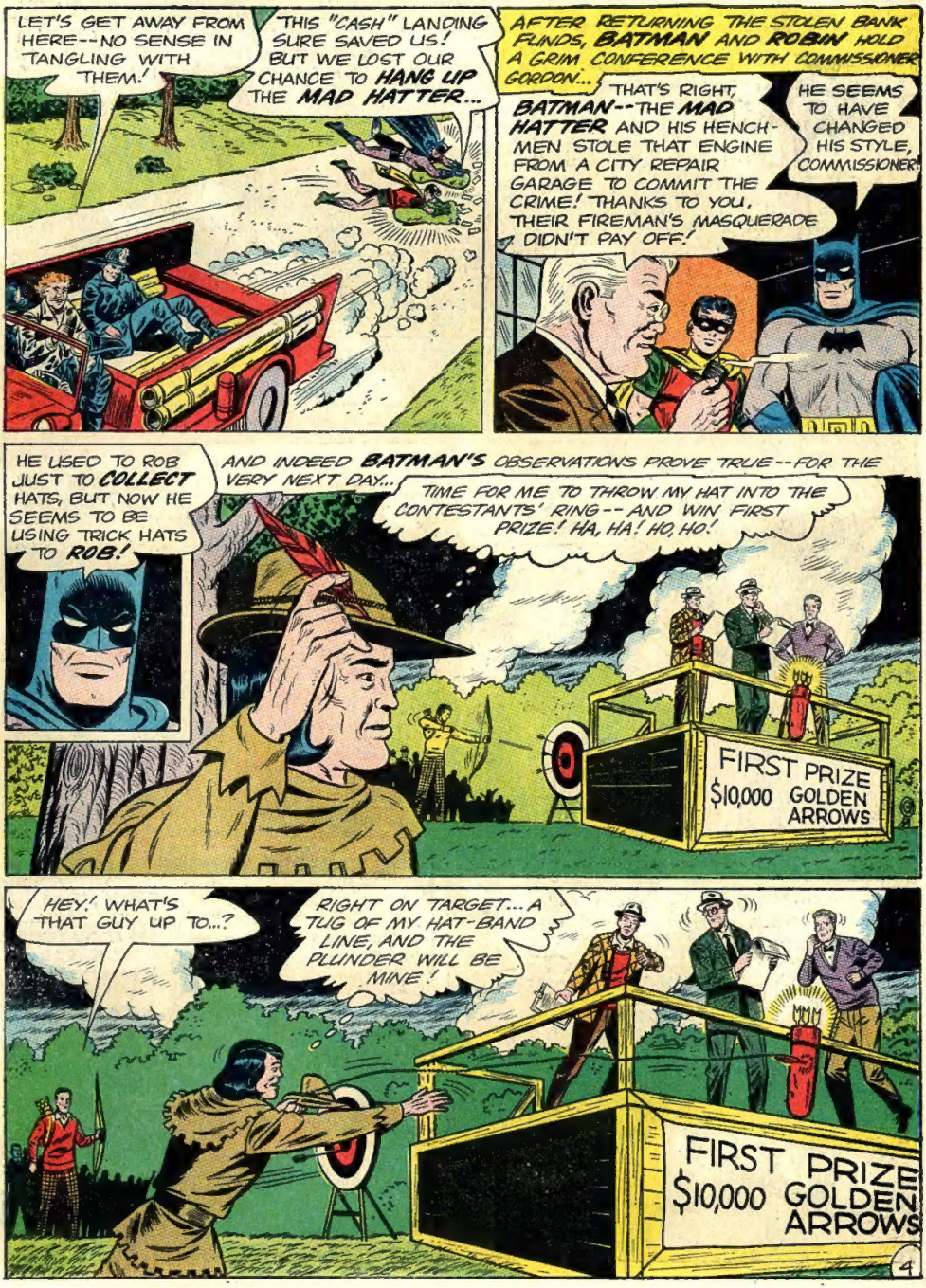
LET'S GET AWAY FROM HERE--NO SENSE IN TANGLING WITH THEM.'
THIS "CASH" LANDING SURE SAVED US! BUT WE LOST OUR CHANCE TO HANG UP THE MAD HATTER...
AFTER RETURNING THE STOLEN BANK FUNDS, BATMAN AND ROBIN HOLD A GRIM CONFERENCE WITH COMMISSIONER GORDON...
THAT'S RIGHT, BATMAN--THE MAD HATTER AND HIS HENCHMEN STOLE THAT ENGINE FROM A CITY REPAIR GARAGE TO COMMIT THE CRIME! THANKS TO YOU, THEIR FIREMAN'S MASQUERADE DIDN'T PAY OFF!
HE SEEMS TO HAVE CHANGED HIS STYLE, COMMISSIONER!
HE USED TO ROB JUST TO COLLECT HATS, BUT NOW HE SEEMS TO BE USING TRICK HATS TO ROB!
AND INDEED BATMAN'S OBSERVATIONS PROVE TRUE--FOR THE VERY NEXT DAY...
TIME FOR ME TO THROW MY HAT INTO THE CONTESTANTS' RING--AND WIN FIRST PRIZE! HA, HA! HO, HO!
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HEY! WHAT'S THAT GUY UP TO...?
RIGHT ON TARGET... A TUG OF MY HAT-BAND LINE, AND THE PLUNDER WILL BE MINE!
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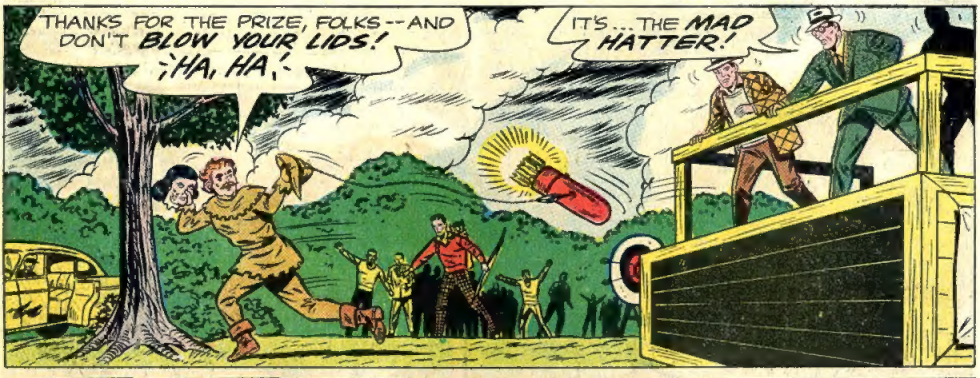
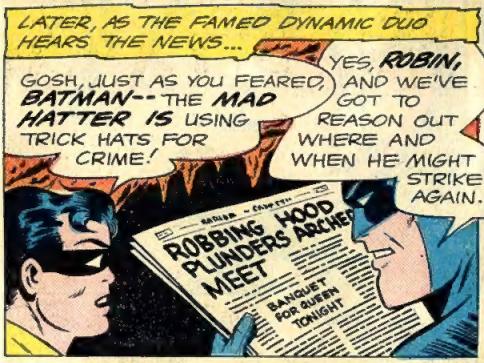
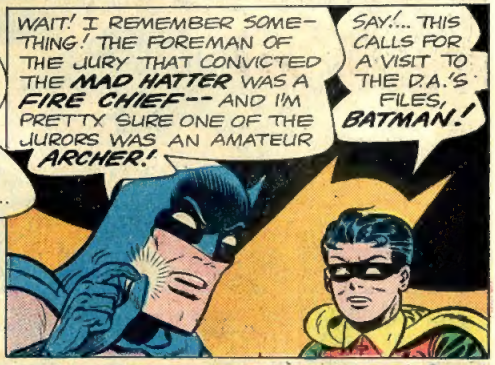

THANKS FOR THE PRIZE, FOLKS--AND DON'T BLOW YOUR LIDS! ;HA, HA,:
IT'S...THE MAD HATTER!


LATER, AS THE FAMED DYNAMIC DUO HEARS THE NEWS...
GOSH, JUST AS YOU FEARED, BATMAN--THE MAD HATTER IS USING TRICK HATS FOR CRIME!
YES, ROBIN, AND WE'VE GOT TO REASON OUT WHERE AND WHEN HE MIGHT STRIKE AGAIN...
ROBBING HOOD PLUNDERS ARCHER MEET
BANQUET FOR QUEEN TONIGHT


WAIT! I REMEMBER SOMETHING! THE FOREMAN OF THE JURY THAT CONVICTED THE MAD HATTER WAS A FIRE CHIEF--AND I'M PRETTY SURE ONE OF THE JURORS WAS AN AMATEUR ARCHER!
SAY!...THIS CALLS FOR A VISIT TO THE D.A.'S FILES, BATMAN!

AND THAT NIGHT, TWO CAPED FIGURES WATCH FROM THE SHADOWS AS...
WELCOME TO GOTHAM, YOUR ROYAL HIGHNESS! IN YOUR HONOR, THE CHEF HAS PREPARED YOUR COUNTRY'S NATIONAL DISH!
IT'S A PRECIOUS DELICACY, DEAR QUEEN...

SUDDENLY, AS THE "CHEF" PLACES THE TRAY DOWN...
BUT NOT NEARLY SO PRECIOUS AS YOUR BEJEWELED HAT!
JUST AS WE FIGURED--THE MAD HATTER DISGUISED AS A CHEF! LET'S GET INTO ACTION, ROBIN!

YOU'RE BLOCKED THIS TIME, MAD HATTER!
IT WOULD APPEAR SO, BATMAN...
SUDDENLY, THE BIZARRE FIGURE WHIPS OFF HIS HEADGEAR AND..
ROBIN! HE'S MAKING A RUN FOR IT!
NEVER UNDERESTIMATE...
THE POWER OF A HAT! HA, HA, HO, HO!
GREAT GRIEF! HE HAD A POWERFUL SPRING CONCEALED IN THAT CHEF'S HAT!
AND WHEN THE CAPED CRIME-FIGHTERS REGAIN THEIR SENSES...
THE MAD HATTER LOCKED UP OUR REAL CHEF AND ASSUMED HIS DISGUISE! WELL, HE GOT THE TIARA BUT YOU MANAGED TO CATCH TWO OF HIS GANG!
MORE IMPORTANT, WE'VE VERIFIED THE MAD HATTER'S ZANY CRIME PATTERN! LET'S GO, ROBIN!
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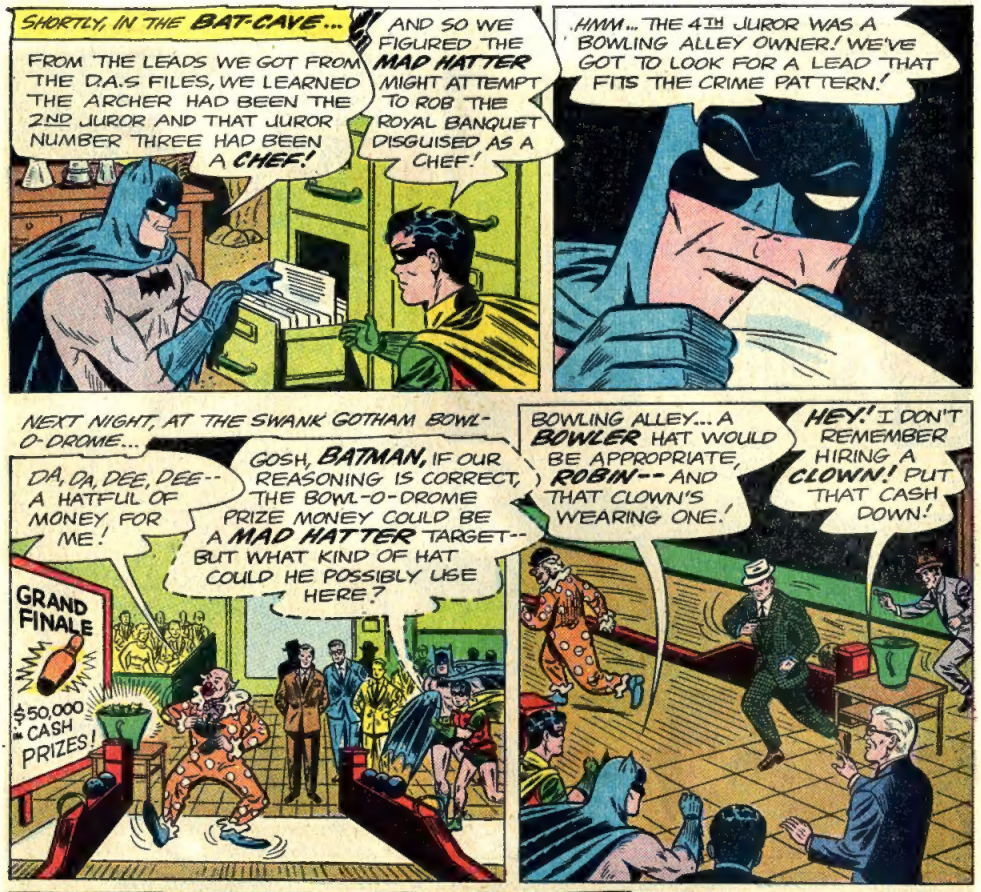
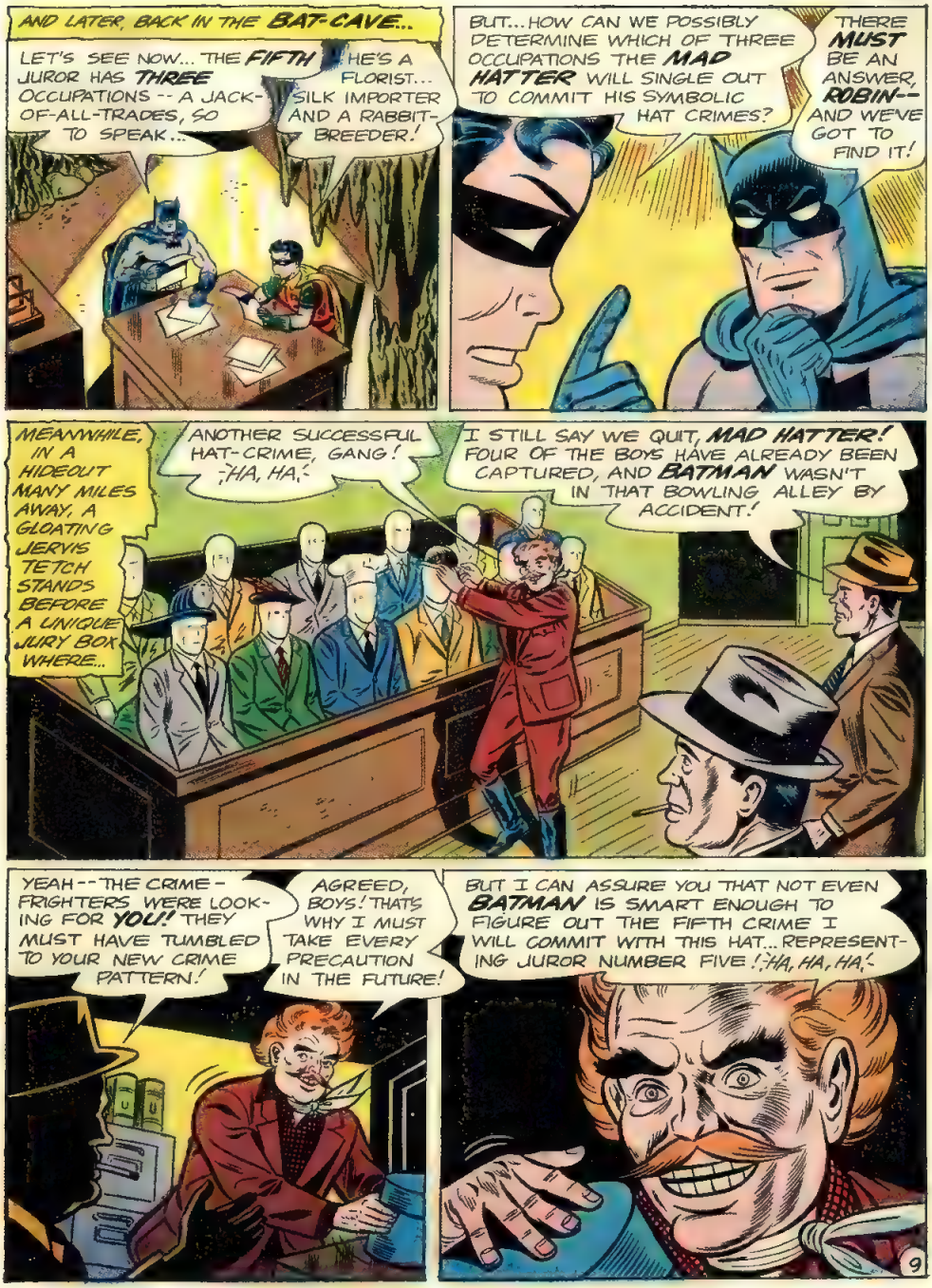
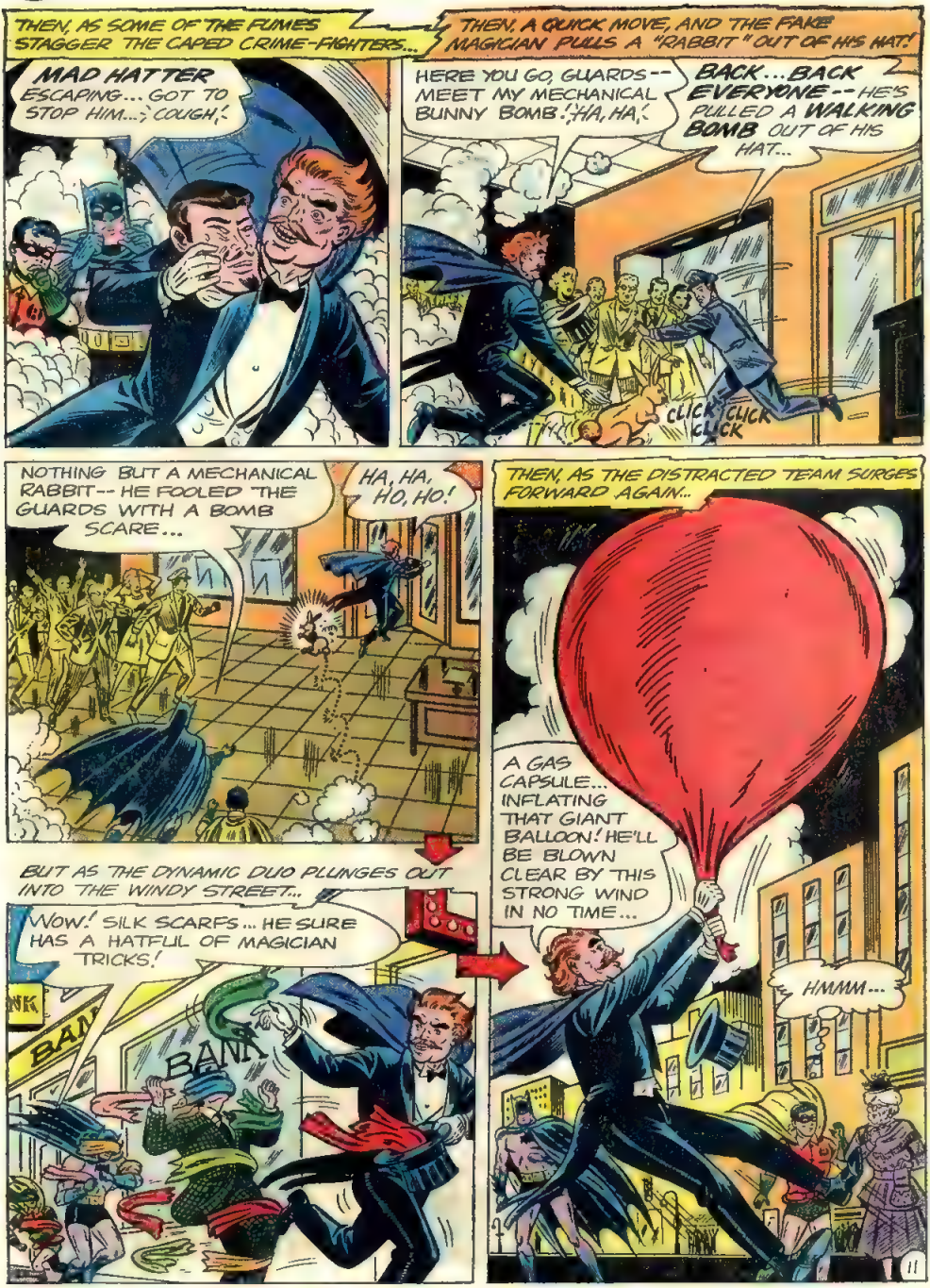
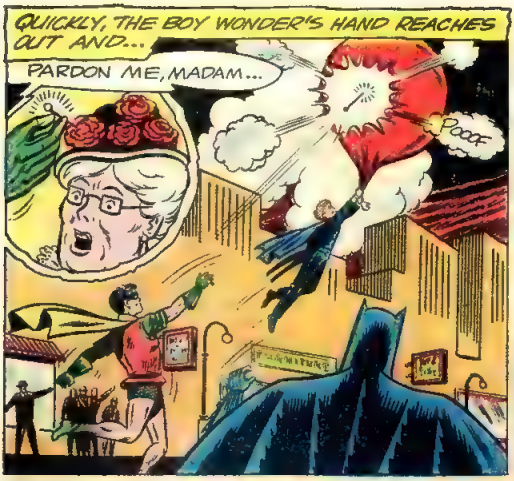

SHORTLY, IN THE BAT-CAVE...
FROM THE LEADS WE GOT FROM THE D.A.'S FILES, WE LEARNED THE ARCHER HAD BEEN THE 2ND JUROR AND THAT JUROR NUMBER THREE HAD BEEN A CHEF!
AND SO WE FIGURED THE MAD HATTER MIGHT ATTEMPT TO ROB THE ROYAL BANQUET DISGUISED AS A CHEF!
HMM... THE 4TH JUROR WAS A BOWLING ALLEY OWNER! WE'VE GOT TO LOOK FOR A LEAD THAT FITS THE CRIME PATTERN!
NEXT NIGHT, AT THE SWANK GOTHAM BOWL-O-DROME...
DA, DA, DEE, DEE-- A HATFUL OF MONEY, FOR ME!
GOSH, BATMAN, IF OUR REASONING IS CORRECT, THE BOWL-O-DROME PRIZE MONEY COULD BE A MAD HATTER TARGET-- BUT WHAT KIND OF HAT COULD HE POSSIBLY USE HERE?
GRAND FINALE
$50,000 IN CASH PRIZES!
BOWLING ALLEY... A BOWLER HAT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE, ROBIN-- AND THAT CLOWN'S WEARING ONE!
HEY! I DON'T REMEMBER HIRING A CLOWN! PUT THAT CASH DOWN!
ABRUPTLY, PANIC REIGNS AS THE FAMED CRIME-FIGHTING TEAM MOVES INTO ACTION...
BATMAN AND ROBIN... BUT A LITTLE TOO LATE!
-HA, HA!-
$50,000 IN CASH PRIZES!
IT IS THE MAD HATTER-- WITH TWO HENCHMEN! GRAB A BALL, ROBIN...

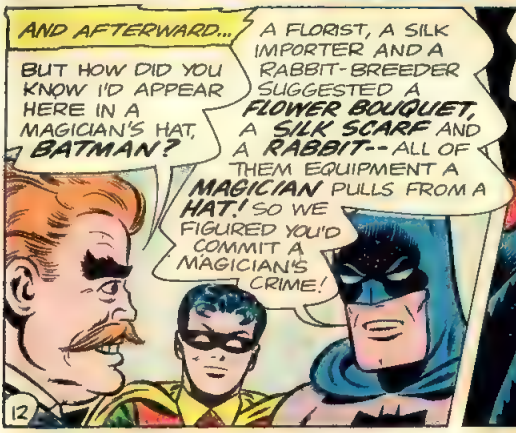
THEN...
STRIKE, BATMAN!
RACK THOSE TWO UP--WE'LL GET YOUR PRIZE MONEY BACK!
BUT AS THE DYNAMIC DUO RACES INTO THE BACK ALLEY...
LET'S PLAY A LITTLE GAME, CRIME-FIGHTERS! HA, HA.
HIS HAT--HE'S MAKING IT INTO A BALL!
THE MAD HATTER'S ARM SWINGS BACK AND...
A FANTASTIC BALL... GIMMICKED TO EXPAND BY COMPRESSED AIR.
SSSSS
LARGER... LARGER THE BIZARRE HAT-BALL GROWS, UNTIL...
HIT IT HARD--WE'VE GOT TO BREAK THROUGH, ROBIN...
HA, HA, HO, HO, HO!
BUT THEN...
IT'S... MADE OF TOUGH PLASTIC, BATMAN--IT WON'T BREAK...
HE'S OUT-HATTED US AGAIN, ROBIN!


AND LATER, BACK IN THE BAT-CAVE...
LET'S SEE NOW... THE FIFTH JUROR HAS THREE OCCUPATIONS -- A JACK-OF-ALL-TRADES, SO TO SPEAK...
HE'S A FLORIST... SILK IMPORTER AND A RABBIT-BREEDER!
BUT... HOW CAN WE POSSIBLY DETERMINE WHICH OF THREE OCCUPATIONS THE MAD HATTER WILL SINGLE OUT TO COMMIT HIS SYMBOLIC HAT CRIMES?
THERE MUST BE AN ANSWER, ROBIN-- AND WE'VE GOT TO FIND IT!
MEANWHILE, IN A HIDEOUT MANY MILES AWAY, A GLOATING JERVIS TETCH STANDS BEFORE A UNIQUE JURY BOX WHERE...
ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL HAT-CRIME, GANG! :HA, HA,:
I STILL SAY WE QUIT, MAD HATTER! FOUR OF THE BOYS HAVE ALREADY BEEN CAPTURED, AND BATMAN WASN'T IN THAT BOWLING ALLEY BY ACCIDENT!
YEAH -- THE CRIME-FRIGHTERS WERE LOOKING FOR YOU! THEY MUST HAVE TUMBLED TO YOUR NEW CRIME PATTERN!
AGREED, BOYS! THAT'S WHY I MUST TAKE EVERY PRECAUTION IN THE FUTURE!
BUT I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT NOT EVEN BATMAN IS SMART ENOUGH TO FIGURE OUT THE FIFTH CRIME I WILL COMMIT WITH THIS HAT... REPRESENTING JUROR NUMBER FIVE! :HA, HA, HA,:

NEXT DAY, A FANTASTIC PUBLICITY STUNT IS LAUNCHED AT THE GOTHAM DIAMOND CENTER AS...
AND TO PROVE THAT OUR DIAMOND-FILLED VAULT IS BURGLAR-PROOF, WE HAVE CHALLENGED THE GREAT KAN-DU TO SEE IF HE CAN ESCAPE FROM IT! ARE YOU READY, KAN-DU?
AS READY AS I'LL EVER BE, PAL! HANDS UP, EVERYONE!
H-HE'S PULLED A GUN FROM HIS HAT! THIS... MUST BE A TRICK! IT ISN'T THE REAL KAN-DU!
SURPRISE, MAD-HATTER-- THIS LITTLE "TRICK" OF OURS HAS TOPPED YOU!
BATMAN AND ROBIN... INSIDE THE VAULT!
WE'RE PUTTING A LID ON YOUR PLANS TO PLUNDER THIS DIAMOND VAULT... RIGHT NOW!
THAT'S AN "OLD-HAT" LINE TO ME, BATMAN! HERE...
HAVE A BOUQUET OF FLOWERS! HA, HA ... HO, HO, HO
KNOCK-OUT GAS... DON'T INHALE, ROBIN...


THEN, AS SOME OF THE FUMES STAGGER THE CAPED CRIME-FIGHTERS...
MAD HATTER ESCAPING... GOT TO STOP HIM...; COUGH!
THEN, A QUICK MOVE, AND THE FAKE MAGICIAN PULLS A "RABBIT" OUT OF HIS HAT!
HERE YOU GO, GUARDS -- MEET MY MECHANICAL BUNNY BOMB!; HA, HA!
BACK... BACK EVERYONE -- HE'S PULLED A WALKING BOMB OUT OF HIS HAT...
CLICK CLICK CLICK
NOTHING BUT A MECHANICAL RABBIT -- HE FOOLED THE GUARDS WITH A BOMB SCARE...
HA, HA, HO, HO!
THEN, AS THE DISTRACTED TEAM SURGES FORWARD AGAIN...
A GAS CAPSULE... INFLATING THAT GIANT BALLOON! HE'LL BE BLOWN CLEAR BY THIS STRONG WIND IN NO TIME...
HMMM...
BUT AS THE DYNAMIC DUO PLUNGES OUT INTO THE WINDY STREET...
WOW! SILK SCARFS... HE SURE HAS A HATFUL OF MAGICIAN TRICKS!
BAM
BAM




AND AFTERWARD...
BUT HOW DID YOU KNOW I'D APPEAR HERE IN A MAGICIAN'S HAT, BATMAN?
A FLORIST, A SILK IMPORTER AND A RABBIT-BREEDER SUGGESTED A FLOWER BOUQUET, A SILK SCARF AND A RABBIT-- ALL OF THEM EQUIPMENT A MAGICIAN PULLS FROM A HAT! SO WE FIGURED YOU'D COMMIT A MAGICIAN'S CRIME!
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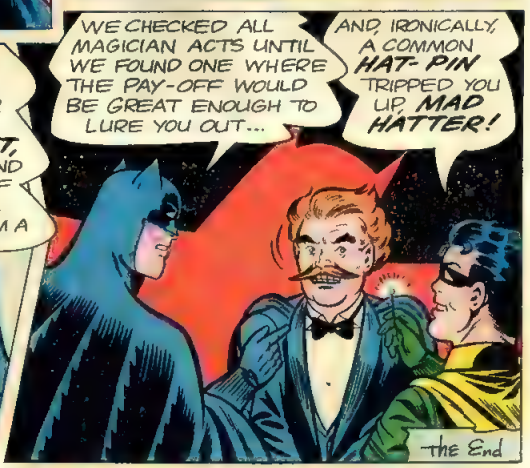
WE CHECKED ALL MAGICIAN ACTS UNTIL WE FOUND ONE WHERE THE PAY-OFF WOULD BE GREAT ENOUGH TO LURE YOU OUT...
AND IRONICALLY, A COMMON HAT-PIN TRIPPED YOU UP, MAD HATTER!
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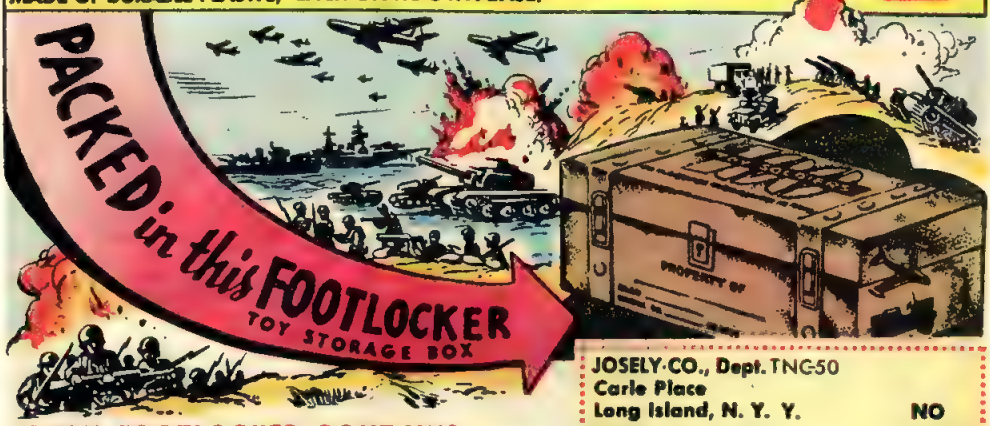

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(ANSWERS IN LAST PANEL)

IN WHAT COUNTRY DO THE CHILDREN MAKE AN OUTDOOR CHRISTMAS TREE OF WHEAT SHEAVES FOR THE BIRDS?

"BREAKING THE PIÑATA" IS A CHRISTMAS GAME IN WHICH BLINDFOLDED CHILDREN SMASH A BIZARRE CLAY POT WHICH SPILLS OUT CANDIES AND GOOD-LUCK CHARMS. IN WHAT COUNTRY IS IT PLAYED?

WHERE IS IT THE CUSTOM FOR CHILDREN TO FILL WOODEN SHOES ON CHRISTMAS EVE WITH TIDBITS FOR ST. NICK'S WHITE HORSE?

WHERE DO PEOPLE OBSERVE CHRISTMAS BY GATHERING AROUND A LIGHTED COMMUNITY TREE IN THE PUBLIC SQUARE TO SING CHRISTMAS CAROLS?

IN WHAT COUNTRY IS A CHRISTMAS CEREMONY PERFORMED IN WHICH THE MOTHER CLUCKS LIKE A HEN AND HER CHILDREN CHIRP LIKE CHICKENS, WHILE SCATTERING STRAW ON THE FLOOR OF THEIR HOME?

WHERE IS THE CHRISTMAS FIESTA CLIMAXED BY A GAY DANCE CALLED THE *CUECA*, PERFORMED OUTDOORS UNDER A SUMMER SKY BY A COWBOY AND A COUNTRY GIRL?

THE ANSWERS... *READ UPSIDE DOWN*

1. NORWAY 4. UNITED STATES
2. MEXICO 5. YUGOSLAVIA
3. BELGIUM 6. CHILE

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Dear Editor: Wow! Batman must really be terrific! I had laid my BATMAN, WORLD'S FINEST, DETECTIVE AND JLA comics out on our couch. A little while later, my cat came and went to sleep beside them. Later, I came to look at your fine covers, as I often do. When I reached for my comics, my cat meowed at me as if to say, "Hey, don't! I'm reading them!" Comics with Batman in them must be really good if you have cats reading them!

It just so happens I like Batman just as much as my cat does. We both feel he is the best character you have ever published—we feel he is by far your most realistic one. My cat hopes you have a Bat-cat some day! Keep up the good work!

Gary Storm, Los Alamos, N. Mexico

(Meow . . . meow! Translation: Many thanks! —Ed.)

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Dear Editor: In WORLD'S FINEST, Sept. issue, in the story, "The Batman Nobody Remembered," Batman went into the twin world and Superman was there. Was he a robot? Because in the Aug. LOIS LANE issue, she went into the twin world also and Superman was killed by Luthor. Will you please explain?

Richard Puchyr, Chicago, Ill.

(The two stories have no connection. They were different parallel worlds, and Superman was not a robot.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor: I just finished reading "The Batman Nobody Remembered." It was great. I haven't been reading D.C. comics for a while, but now that you have longer length stories, and if they're as good as this, you will sure enough have another reader. The art also was superb.

Kenny Goldberg, New York, N.Y.

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Dear Editor: "The Batman Nobody Remembered" in Sept. WORLD'S FINEST was tops. Poor Batman! I felt sorry for him. He was so bewildered he even thought his career was something he imagined. He must've felt great when the other Superman returned him to our earth. More stories like this, please.

Howard Reiss, New Haven, Conn.

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Dear Editor: I have just finished reading your Sept. issues of BATMAN, DETECTIVE and WORLD'S FINEST. Your stories in the BATMAN issue were okay, but they were too short. In DETECTIVE, "The Fantastic Dr. No-Face" was excellent. It kept me guessing all the way. In WORLD'S FINEST, "The Batman Nobody Remembered," I guessed Batman had been hurled into a world parallel to ours. Your Green Arrow story was terrific. J'onn J'onzz was fabulous. I hope you have more stories of him going into the past.

Clarence Gensiak, Scranton, Pa.

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Dear Editor: Your story in BATMAN No. 158, "Ace the Super Bat-Hound" was great. I hope you'll print more stories about Bat-Mite and Bat-Hound. In WORLD'S FINEST, "The Batman Nobody Remembered" was very good, too. Could you please tell us what's next in BATMAN, DETECTIVE and WORLD'S FINEST?

Pat Pond, Lubbock, Tex.

(We anticipated your wish about Bat-Mite with the story in this BATMAN issue. Coming up in the March issue is a super-leigth thriller, "The Batman Creature," that we're sure will provoke lots of reader comment. Plus a warm, personal story, "Robin's New Secret Identity." In Feb. DETECTIVE, you'll find a bizarre adventure, "Menace of the Robot Brain," with Batman and Robin banging on for dear life. And in Feb. WORLD'S FINEST, look for "The Ghost of Batman," another super-length story that we predict everybody will remember as long as "The Batman Nobody Remembered."—Ed.)

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Dear Editor: Congratulations! "Batman and Robin, Impostors" (in BATMAN No. 158) was a big hit in my neighborhood. Why don't you have a Batwoman or Bat-Girl story in some of your Batman comics. I enjoyed the last one.

Eugene McCarthy, New Bedford, Mass.

(For comment on Batwoman and Bat-Girl, see the letter below.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor: All right, I give up!!! What's going on? Are you editors all bachelors or just the plain, ANTI-FEMALE type? I am referring to many (not all) of your Batman stories in which you don't feature Batwoman, much less Bat-Girl. True, it is a Batman and Robin comic, and true, you shouldn't feature Batwoman and Bat-Girl in every story, but couldn't we have a little more of them, please? Pretty please?

Joan Gadek, Perth Amboy, N.J.

(We do not plead guilty, but we couldn't resist the lovely appeal. We will have more, but please remember that in the Nov. BATMAN we had Batwoman and Bat-Girl in "The Great Clayface-Joker Feud"—comment on which will appear in the next Bat-cave column—and in the Dec. DETECTIVE, Bat-Girl appeared helping Robin in "The Menace of the Batman Genie." Also, coming up in "The Batman Creature," mentioned above, Batwoman will play a prominent role, as she will in the Mar. DETECTIVE, "Strange Lives of the Cat-Man." And looking even further ahead, in the May BATMAN, Bat-Girl will be featured in an unusual adventure, more about which also will be in our next Bat-cave column. Okay? . . . pretty please?—Ed.)

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Dear Editor: I thought the Sept. issue of BATMAN was truly sensational. The second story, "Batman and Robin, Impostors," was very exciting, but I thought the third story was the best of all, especially when the giant armadillo attacked Batman, Robin and Ted. And don't let me forget the first, "Ace, the Super Bat-Hound" —that was also an excellent story. I also admired the Sept. issue of WORLD'S FINEST, which was by far the most sensational Superman-Batman comic I have ever read. At first, I thought they were playing a hoax on Batman, but I changed my mind when Robin revealed Batman's identity —because Robin would never do that in Batman's world.

Michael Maddox, Louisville, Ky.

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Dear Editor: In your Sept. issue of BATMAN (No. 158), the stories were really excellent. But in "Batman and Robin, Impostors," you made a boo-boo. On page three, panels five and six, Bradford would have known that his "Batman and Robin team" have different voices than the real team. He should have noticed that the Commissioner would know it was the real Batman and Robin by their voices, thus giving them away. Otherwise, the story was positively brilliant.

Harvey Blake, Bloomfield, N.J.

(Batman and Robin as the impostors disguised their real voices. But since they were supposed to be impersonating the real Batman and Robin, Bradford wouldn't be suspicious—he would think they were imitating the voices of the real Batman and Robin when talking to Commissioner Gordon.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor: I just read "The Fantastic Dr. No-Face," and I enjoyed it very much. And after reading "The Batman Nobody Remembered," and "Ace, the Super Bat-Hound," and "Batman and Robin, Impostors," I just can't decide which of these four great stories is the best!

Lane Tyson, Audubon, Pa.

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Dear Editor: Great is all I can say about September's BATMAN. The Super Bat-Hound story had me thinking that Bat-Hound was the crook's pet until the last page. "The Secret of the Impossible Perils" was very good, too, as was "Batman and Robin, Impostors." The way you had Batman and Robin play themselves, the two crooks and then Batman and Robin again was terrific.

Thomas Pellerito, Drexel Hill, Pa.

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Dear Editor: You did a wonderful job in DETECTIVE COMICS (Sept. No. 319), featuring "The Fantastic Dr. No-Face." You did an even better job in BATMAN (Sept. No. 158) in the story, "The Secret of the Impossible Perils." I don't think you will print this letter; in fact, I have some bets with my friends that you won't. And I also have a bet that you won't give me a personal answer. But I am sending it anyway. I enjoy all your Batman comics. Keep up the good work!

Jimmy Kunz, Corpus Christi, Tex.

(You lose the first bet, but you win the second. We're glad you sent the letter in, anyhow. Many readers write to us in a similar manner, and we would like to make it clear that we can't answer all the questions that come in asking for personal answers, nor can we print all the letters requesting that we do. We try to publish those that are most interesting and typical of the thousands we receive. In that way, the opinions of a broad cross-section are read by all, and answers can be given to questions that are often asked. Quite a number of queries come in that can only be answered by reading the magazines regularly; otherwise we'd have to spend days giving summaries of the characters and their backgrounds.

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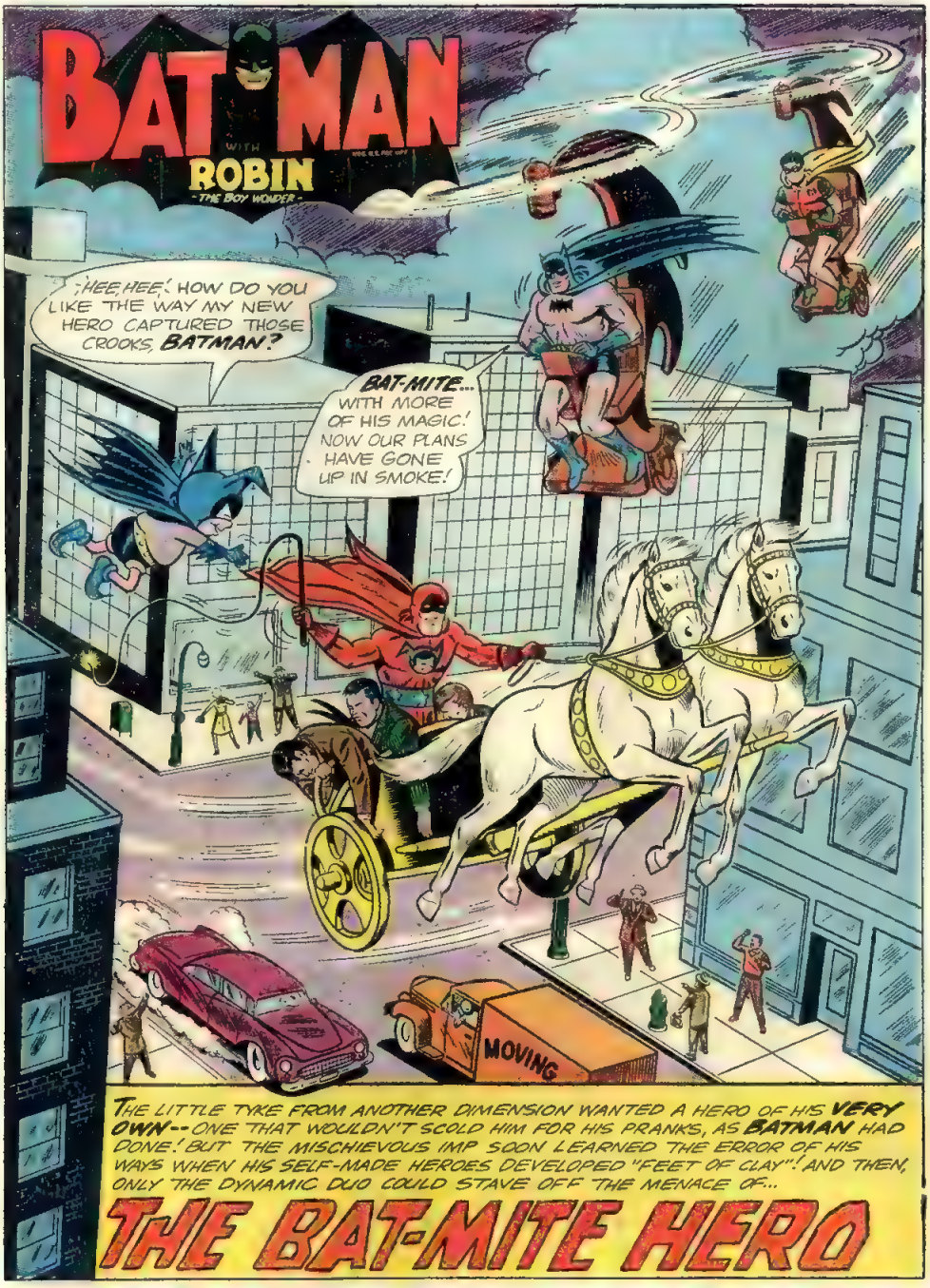
BAT MAN
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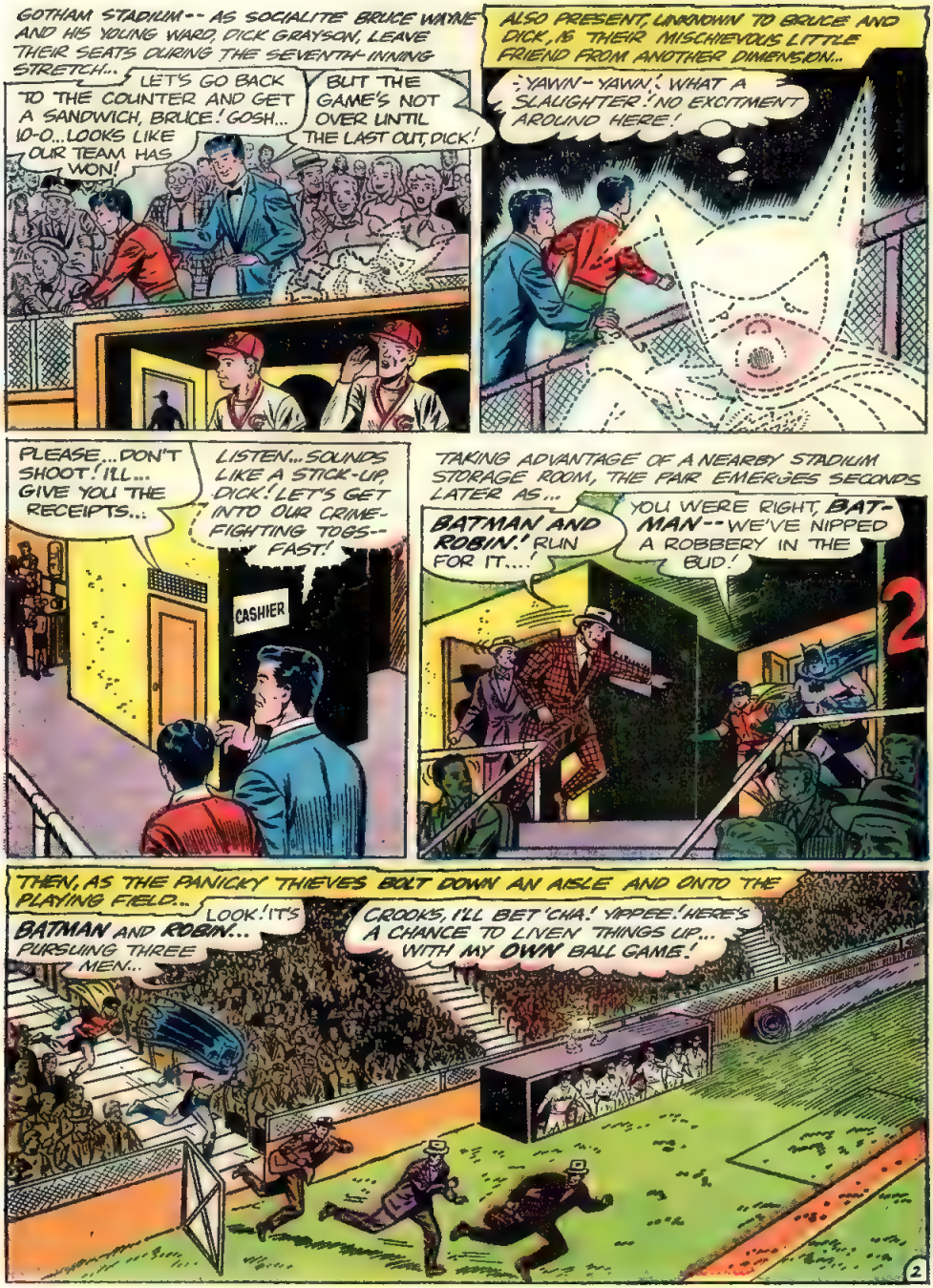
ROBIN
-THE BOY WONDER-
;HEE,HEE;. HOW DO YOU LIKE THE WAY MY NEW HERO CAPTURED THOSE CROOKS, BATMAN?
BAT-MITE... WITH MORE OF HIS MAGIC! NOW OUR PLANS HAVE GONE UP IN SMOKE!
MOVING
THE LITTLE TYKE FROM ANOTHER DIMENSION WANTED A HERO OF HIS VERY OWN--ONE THAT WOULDN'T SCOLD HIM FOR HIS PRANKS, AS BATMAN HAD DONE! BUT THE MISCHIEVOUS IMP SOON LEARNED THE ERROR OF HIS WAYS WHEN HIS SELF-MADE HEROES DEVELOPED "FEET OF CLAY"! AND THEN, ONLY THE DYNAMIC DUO COULD STAVE OFF THE MENACE OF...
THE BAT-MITE HERO


GOTHAM STADIUM -- AS SOCIALITE BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS YOUNG WARD, DICK GRAYSON, LEAVE THEIR SEATS DURING THE SEVENTH-INNING STRETCH...
LET'S GO BACK TO THE COUNTER AND GET A SANDWICH, BRUCE! GOSH... 10-0... LOOKS LIKE OUR TEAM HAS WON!
BUT THE GAME'S NOT OVER UNTIL THE LAST OUT, DICK!
ALSO PRESENT, UNKNOWN TO BRUCE AND DICK, AS THEIR MISCHIEVOUS LITTLE FRIEND FROM ANOTHER DIMENSION...
YAWN-YAWN! WHAT A SLAUGHTER! NO EXCITMENT AROUND HERE!
PLEASE... DON'T SHOOT! I'LL... GIVE YOU THE RECEIPTS...
LISTEN... SOUNDS LIKE A STICK-UP, DICK! LET'S GET INTO OUR CRIME-FIGHTING TOGS-- FAST!
CASHIER
TAKING ADVANTAGE OF A NEARBY STADIUM STORAGE ROOM, THE PAIR EMERGES SECONDS LATER AS...
BATMAN AND ROBIN! RUN FOR IT....!
YOU WERE RIGHT, BATMAN -- WE'VE NIPPED A ROBBERY IN THE BUD!
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THEN, AS THE PANICKY THIEVES BOLT DOWN AN AISLE AND ONTO THE PLAYING FIELD...
LOOK! IT'S BATMAN AND ROBIN... PURSUING THREE MEN...
CROOKS, I'LL BET 'CHA! YIPPEE! HERE'S A CHANCE TO LIVEN THINGS UP... WITH MY OWN BALL GAME!
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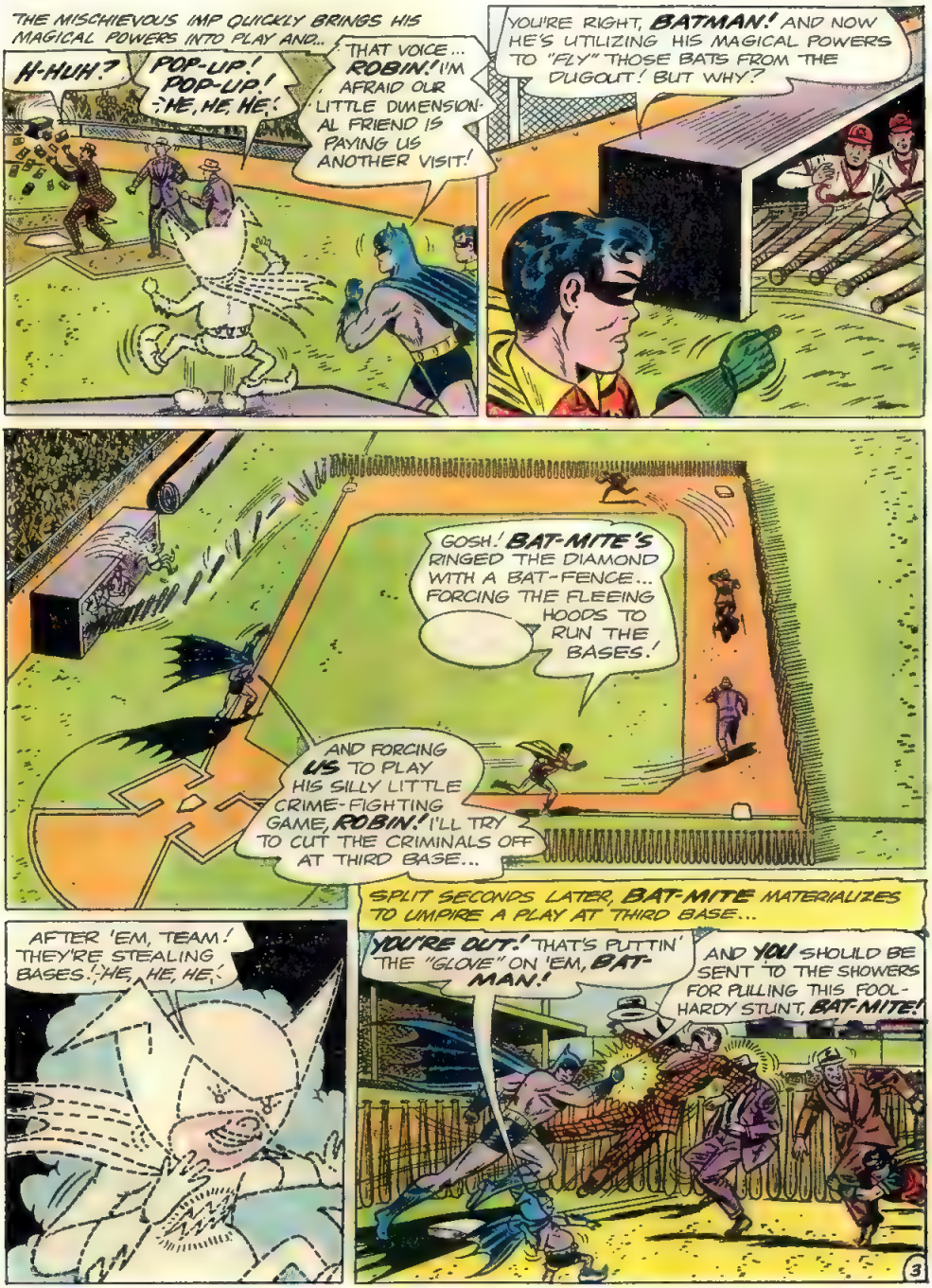
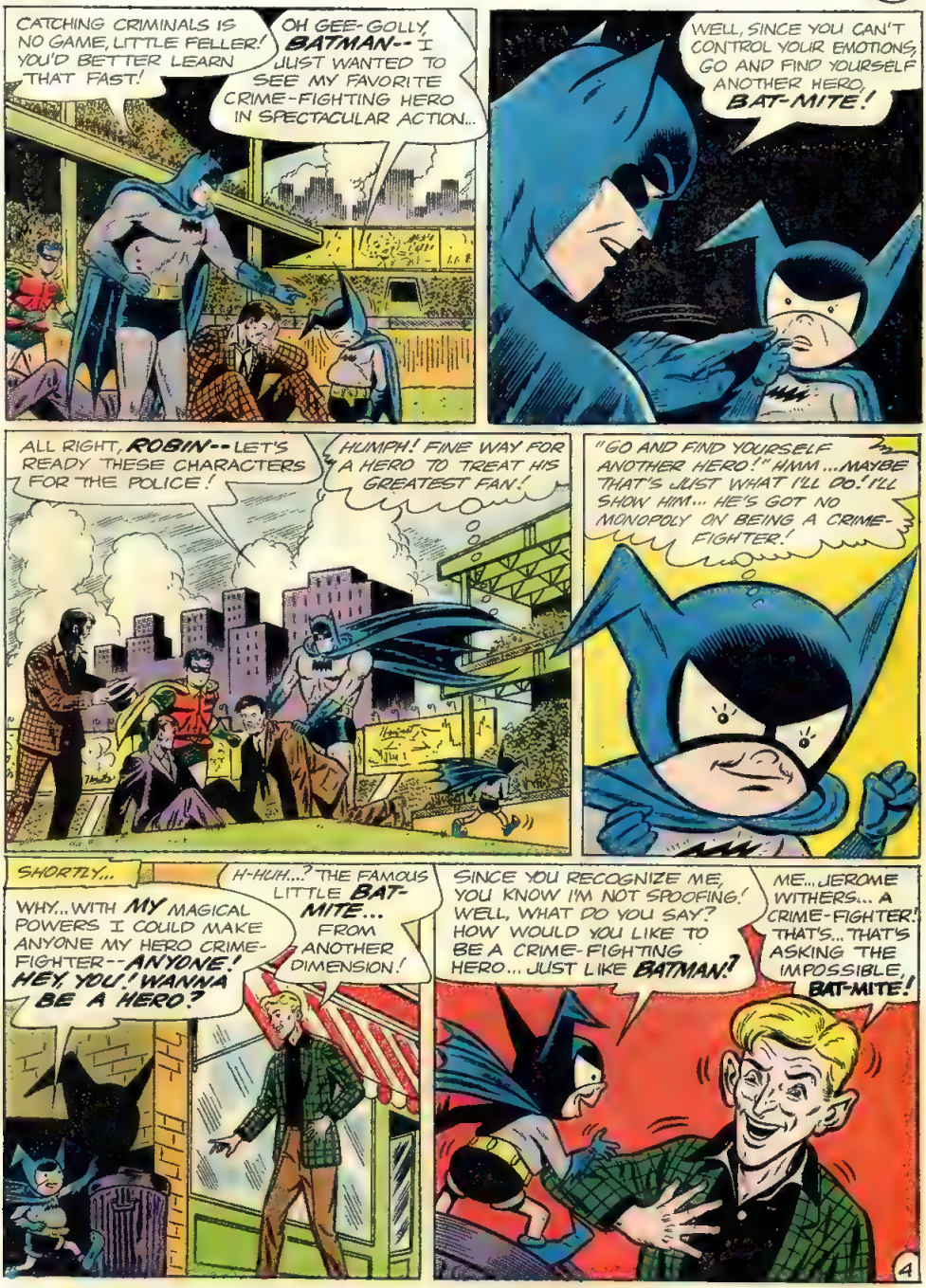
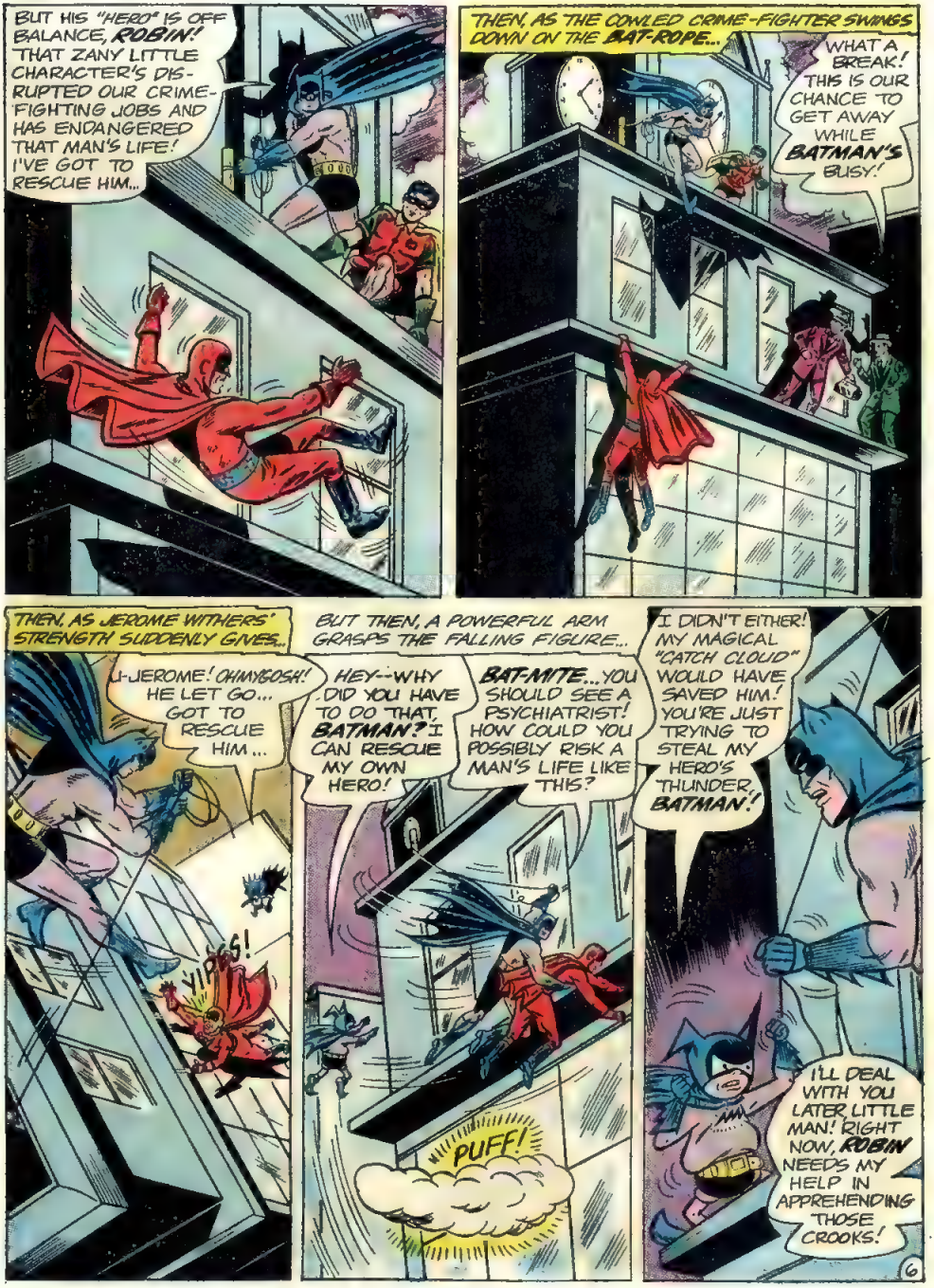
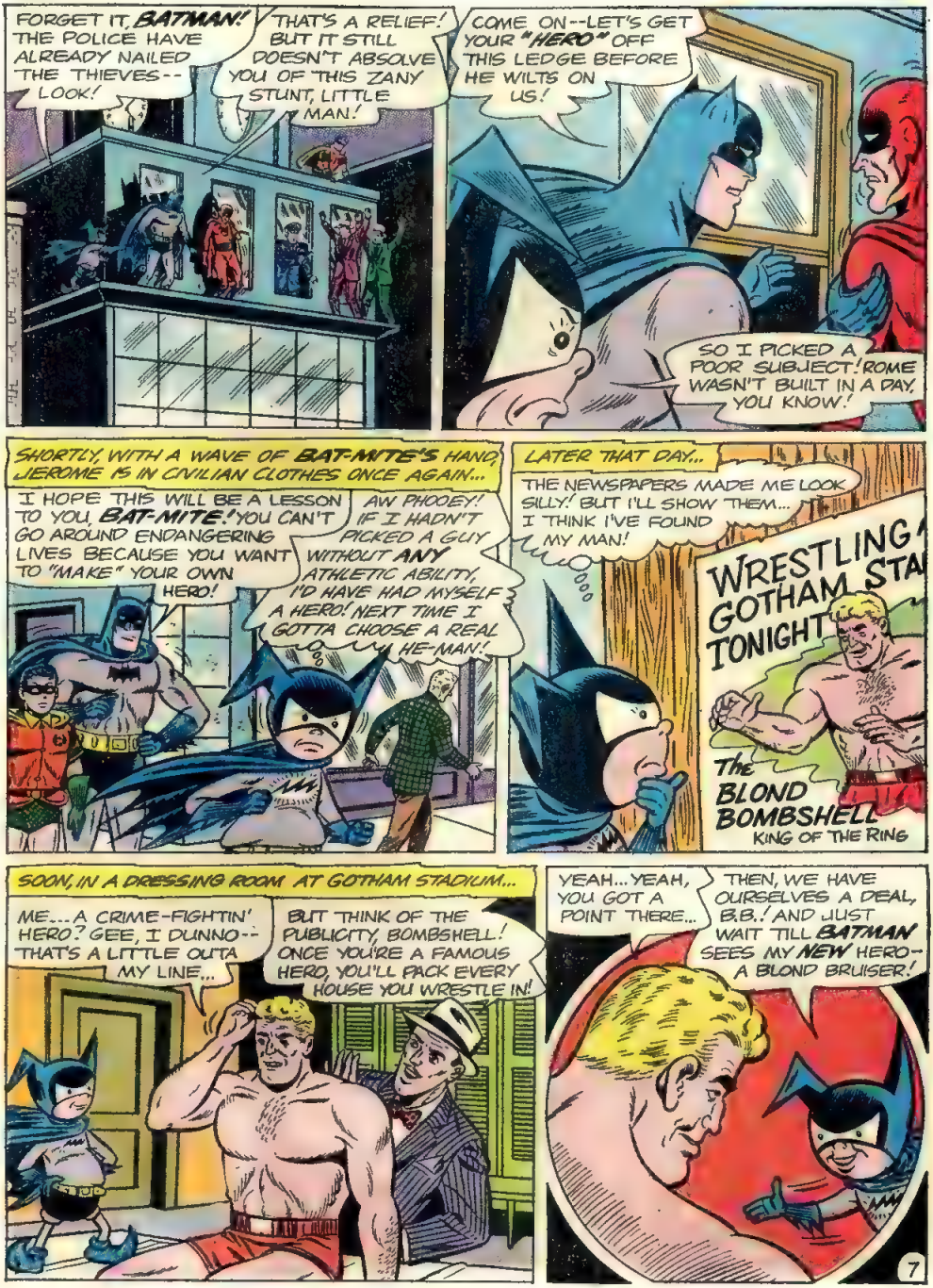
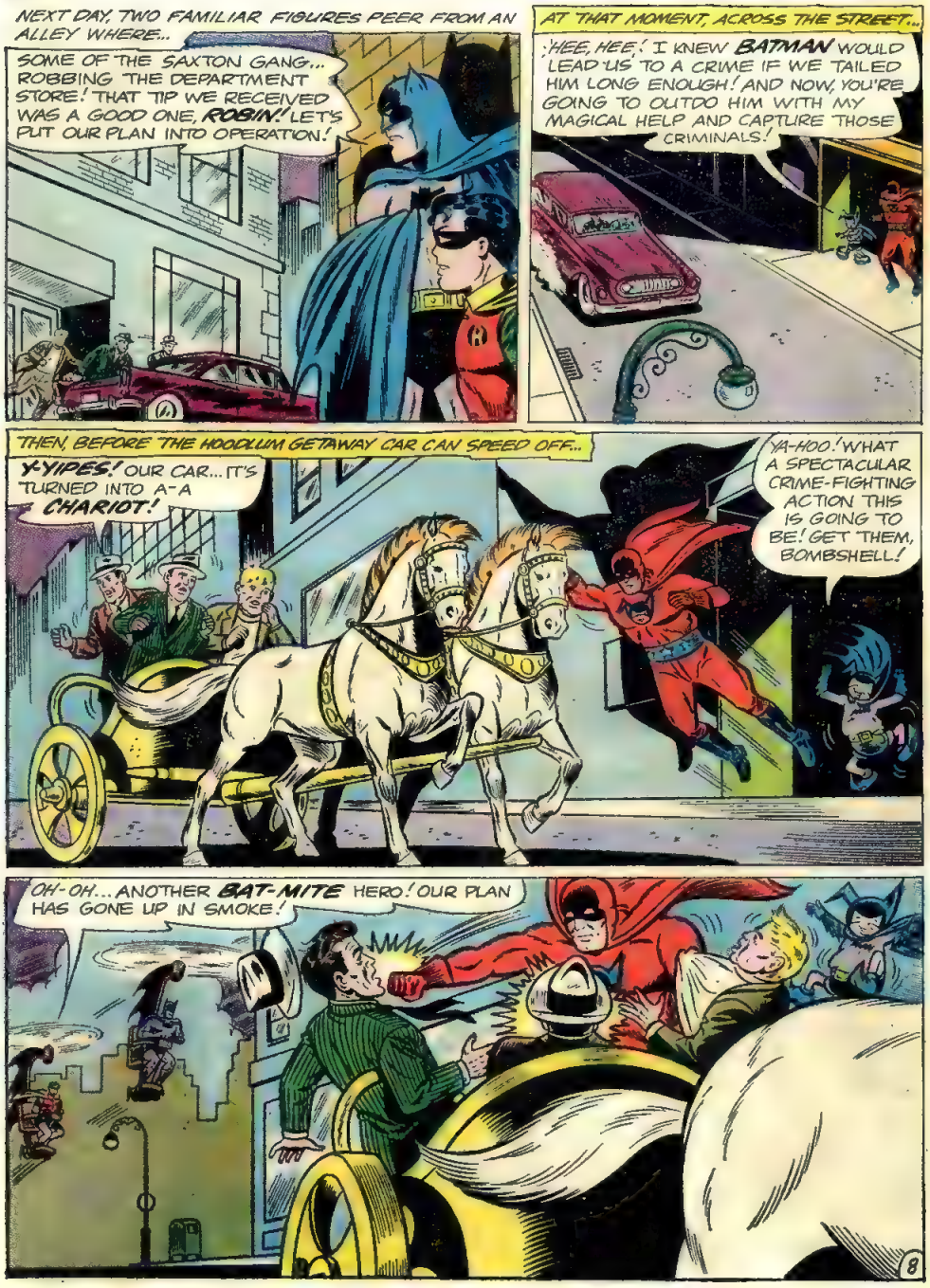

THE MISCHIEVOUS IMP QUICKLY BRINGS HIS MAGICAL POWERS INTO PLAY AND...
H-HUH?
POP-UP! POP-UP! HE, HE, HE!
THAT VOICE... ROBIN! I'M AFRAID OUR LITTLE DIMENSIONAL FRIEND IS PAYING US ANOTHER VISIT!
YOU'RE RIGHT, BATMAN! AND NOW HE'S UTILIZING HIS MAGICAL POWERS TO "FLY" THOSE BATS FROM THE DUGOUT! BUT WHY?
GOSH! BAT-MITE'S RINGED THE DIAMOND WITH A BAT-FENCE... FORCING THE FLEEING HOODS TO RUN THE BASES!
AND FORCING US TO PLAY HIS SILLY LITTLE CRIME-FIGHTING GAME, ROBIN! I'LL TRY TO CUT THE CRIMINALS OFF AT THIRD BASE...
AFTER 'EM, TEAM! THEY'RE STEALING BASES! HE, HE, HE!
SPLIT SECONDS LATER, BAT-MITE MATERIALIZES TO UMPIRE A PLAY AT THIRD BASE...
YOU'RE OUT! THAT'S PUTTIN' THE "GLOVE" ON 'EM, BAT-MAN!
AND YOU SHOULD BE SENT TO THE SHOWERS FOR PULLING THIS FOOL-HARDY STUNT, BAT-MITE!


CATCHING CRIMINALS IS NO GAME, LITTLE FELLER! YOU'D BETTER LEARN THAT FAST!
OH GEE-GOLLY, BATMAN-- I JUST WANTED TO SEE MY FAVORITE CRIME-FIGHTING HERO IN SPECTACULAR ACTION...
WELL, SINCE YOU CAN'T CONTROL YOUR EMOTIONS, GO AND FIND YOURSELF ANOTHER HERO, BAT-MITE!
ALL RIGHT, ROBIN-- LET'S READY THESE CHARACTERS FOR THE POLICE!
HUMPH! FINE WAY FOR A HERO TO TREAT HIS GREATEST FAN!
"GO AND FIND YOURSELF ANOTHER HERO!" HMM ...MAYBE THAT'S JUST WHAT I'LL DO! I'LL SHOW HIM... HE'S GOT NO MONOPOLY ON BEING A CRIME-FIGHTER!
SHORTLY...
WHY... WITH MY MAGICAL POWERS I COULD MAKE ANYONE MY HERO CRIME-FIGHTER-- ANYONE! HEY, YOU! WANNA BE A HERO?
H-HUH...? THE FAMOUS LITTLE BAT-MITE... FROM ANOTHER DIMENSION!
SINCE YOU RECOGNIZE ME, YOU KNOW I'M NOT SPOOFING! WELL, WHAT DO YOU SAY? HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A CRIME-FIGHTING HERO... JUST LIKE BATMAN?
ME... JEROME WITHERS... A CRIME-FIGHTER! THAT'S... THAT'S ASKING THE IMPOSSIBLE, BAT-MITE!

SUDDENLY, THE DIMENSIONAL WAIF WAVES HIS HAND AND...
IMPOSSIBLE, NOTHING, JEROME! THERE YOU ARE,,, IN MY OWN PERSONAL CRIME-FIGHTING ATTIRE! THE NEW BAT-MITE HERO!
GOSH, YOU WEREN'T KIDDING! BUT.. JUST WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO...?
SHOW UP MY EX-HERO, BATMAN, JEROME! WE'LL JUST SIT TIGHT AND WAIT UNTIL HE GOES INTO ACTION AGAIN--THEN, THE BAT-MITE HERO WILL TAKE OVER! HE, HE, HE,
NEXT DAY, BAT-MITE AND HIS HERO-TO-BE RACE TO THE GOTHAM TOWERS WHERE...
T-THERE'S BATMAN AND ROBIN...CUTTING OFF THE HUMAN FLY BANDITS! BUT.. HOW AM I EVER GOING TO GET UP THERE!
NEVER FEAR, JEROME--I'M GOING TO GIVE YOU A LITTLE ASSIST WITH MY MAGIC! WATCH...
SUDDENLY..
AND AWAY WE GO! STAND-BY FOR CRIME-FIGHTING ACTION, JEROME.
YIPES! A--A MAGIC CARPET!
THEN, AS THE BIZARRE CARPET ZOOMS UP TO A LEDGE OF THE BUILDING...
LEAP TO THE LEDGE, JEROME! YOU'VE GOT TO APPREHEND THOSE HOODS BEFORE MY EX-HERO DOES...
"EX-HERO!" BAT-MITE'S TRYING TO CREATE A HERO OF HIS OWN--TO SPITE YOU, BAT-MAN!


BUT HIS "HERO" IS OFF BALANCE, ROBIN! THAT ZANY LITTLE CHARACTER'S DISRUPTED OUR CRIME-FIGHTING JOBS AND HAS ENDANGERED THAT MAN'S LIFE! I'VE GOT TO RESCUE HIM...
THEN, AS THE COWLED CRIME-FIGHTER SWINGS DOWN ON THE BAT-ROPE...
WHAT A BREAK! THIS IS OUR CHANCE TO GET AWAY WHILE BATMAN'S BUSY!
THEN, AS JEROME WITHERS' STRENGTH SUDDENLY GIVES...
J-JEROME! OHMYGOSH! HE LET GO... GOT TO RESCUE HIM...
VIPES!
BUT THEN, A POWERFUL ARM GRASPS THE FALLING FIGURE...
HEY--WHY DID YOU HAVE TO DO THAT, BATMAN? I CAN RESCUE MY OWN HERO!
BAT-MITE... YOU SHOULD SEE A PSYCHIATRIST! HOW COULD YOU POSSIBLY RISK A MAN'S LIFE LIKE THIS?
PUFF!
I DIDN'T EITHER! MY MAGICAL "CATCH CLOUD" WOULD HAVE SAVED HIM! YOU'RE JUST TRYING TO STEAL MY HERO'S THUNDER, BATMAN!
I'LL DEAL WITH YOU LATER, LITTLE MAN! RIGHT NOW, ROBIN NEEDS MY HELP IN APPREHENDING THOSE CROOKS!


FORGET IT, BATMAN! THE POLICE HAVE ALREADY NAILED THE THIEVES-- LOOK!
THAT'S A RELIEF! BUT IT STILL DOESN'T ABSOLVE YOU OF THIS ZANY STUNT, LITTLE MAN!
COME ON--LET'S GET YOUR "HERO" OFF THIS LEDGE BEFORE HE WILTS ON US!
SO I PICKED A POOR SUBJECT! ROME WASN'T BUILT IN A DAY, YOU KNOW!
SHORTLY, WITH A WAVE OF BAT-MITE'S HAND, JEROME IS IN CIVILIAN CLOTHES ONCE AGAIN...
I HOPE THIS WILL BE A LESSON TO YOU, BAT-MITE! YOU CAN'T GO AROUND ENDANGERING LIVES BECAUSE YOU WANT TO "MAKE" YOUR OWN HERO!
AW PHOOEY! IF I HADN'T PICKED A GUY WITHOUT ANY ATHLETIC ABILITY, I'D HAVE HAD MYSELF A HERO! NEXT TIME I GOTTA CHOOSE A REAL HE-MAN!
LATER THAT DAY...
THE NEWSPAPERS MADE ME LOOK SILLY! BUT I'LL SHOW THEM... I THINK I'VE FOUND MY MAN!
WRESTLING GOTHAM STA TONIGHT
THE BLOND BOMBSHELL
KING OF THE RING
SOON, IN A DRESSING ROOM AT GOTHAM STADIUM...
ME...A CRIME-FIGHTIN' HERO? GEE, I DUNNO-- THAT'S A LITTLE OUTTA MY LINE...
BUT THINK OF THE PUBLICITY, BOMBSHELL! ONCE YOU'RE A FAMOUS HERO, YOU'LL PACK EVERY HOUSE YOU WRESTLE IN!
YEAH... YEAH, YOU GOT A POINT THERE...
THEN, WE HAVE OURSELVES A DEAL, B.B.! AND JUST WAIT TILL BATMAN SEES MY NEW HERO- A BLOND BRUISER!


NEXT DAY, TWO FAMILIAR FIGURES PEER FROM AN ALLEY WHERE...
SOME OF THE SAXTON GANG... ROBBING THE DEPARTMENT STORE! THAT TIP WE RECEIVED WAS A GOOD ONE, ROBIN! LET'S PUT OUR PLAN INTO OPERATION!
AT THAT MOMENT, ACROSS THE STREET...
HEE, HEE! I KNEW BATMAN WOULD LEAD US TO A CRIME IF WE TAILED HIM LONG ENOUGH! AND NOW, YOU'RE GOING TO OUTDO HIM WITH MY MAGICAL HELP AND CAPTURE THOSE CRIMINALS!
THEN, BEFORE THE HOODLUM GETAWAY CAR CAN SPEED OFF...
Y-YIPES! OUR CAR... IT'S TURNED INTO A-A CHARIOT!
YA-HOO! WHAT A SPECTACULAR CRIME-FIGHTING ACTION THIS IS GOING TO BE! GET THEM, BOMBSHELL!
OH-OH... ANOTHER BAT-MITE HERO! OUR PLAN HAS GONE UP IN SMOKE!

THEN...
HOW DO YOU LIKE MY NEW HERO, BATMAN? I'M HAVING HIM TAKE THOSE CROOKS TO POLICE HEADQUARTERS IN STYLE! HEE, HEE!
AND SHORTLY...
HERE YOU ARE, SERGEANT--THREE OF JOEY SAXTON'S BOYS READY FOR THE COOLER! HA, HA! I BEAT BATMAN AND ROBIN TO THE ARREST!
AND WRECKED OUR PLANS TO TRAIL THESE MEN TO THEIR HIDEOUT... ARREST THEIR BOSS, SAXTON... AND RECOVER THEIR FORMER PLUNDER!
POLICE DEPT
BOMBSHELL! YOU MEAN YOU RECOGNIZED THESE HOODS AS MEMBERS OF THIS SAXTON GANG! WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME, YOU DUNDERHEAD!
YOUR HERO ISN'T A TRAINED CRIME-FIGHTER... OR HE WOULD HAVE KNOWN BETTER, BAT-MITE! NOW, WE'VE LOST A GOOD LEAD!
WELL, MY BRAINLESS WONDER GOOFED! I'M GOING TO GIVE HIM HIS WALKING PAPERS!
PSST! BATMAN... LOOK HERE! SOME DIRT THAT FELL FROM THE CRIMINAL'S SHOE--IT CONTAINS RED CLAY FOUND ONLY IN GOTHAM CANYON!
PUFF!
THEN, THAT MUST BE THE GANG'S HIDEOUT LOCALE! WE'LL BE ABLE TO ARREST SAXTON AND RECOVER THE STOLEN LOOT, AFTER ALL! BUT NO THANKS TO OUR LITTLE FRIEND..
LET'S JUST HOPE BAT-MITE'S LEARNED HIS LESSON!

THAT NIGHT, AS THE DESPONDENT LITTLE IMP FROM ANOTHER DIMENSION STROLLS THROUGH GOTHAM...

BAT-MITE... FOUND YOU AT LAST! I'M FRANK COLLINS! I'VE READ ABOUT YOUR TWO FAILURES AND I'VE GOT A PROSPECTIVE HERO FOR YOU!

HERO? I DUNNO-- I'VE HAD NOTHING BUT BUSTS, SO FAR...

BUT THE MAN I HAVE IN MIND IS A FORMER OLYMPIC CHAMP... A COLLEGE GRADUATE, AND NOW A PRIVATE DETECTIVE! YES SIR, BILL STRONG'S A NATURAL!

GOLLEE-- HIS QUALIFICATIONS SURE FIT! LEMME MEET HIM, HUH?

SHORTLY, IN A NEIGHBORHOOD GYM, BAT-MITE'S EYES TWINKLE AS...

ALL THAT MUSCLE... AND BRAINS, TOO! THAT'S HIM -- BILL STRONG'S A CINCH TO MAKE THE GRADE AS MY BAT-MITE HERO! ;CHUCKLE; ;CHUCKLE; AND WAIT TILL BATMAN SEES HIM IN ACTION!

NEXT DAY, THE BATMOBILE ROARS FORTH FROM THE BAT-CAVE CARRYING AN UNINVITED PASSENGER...

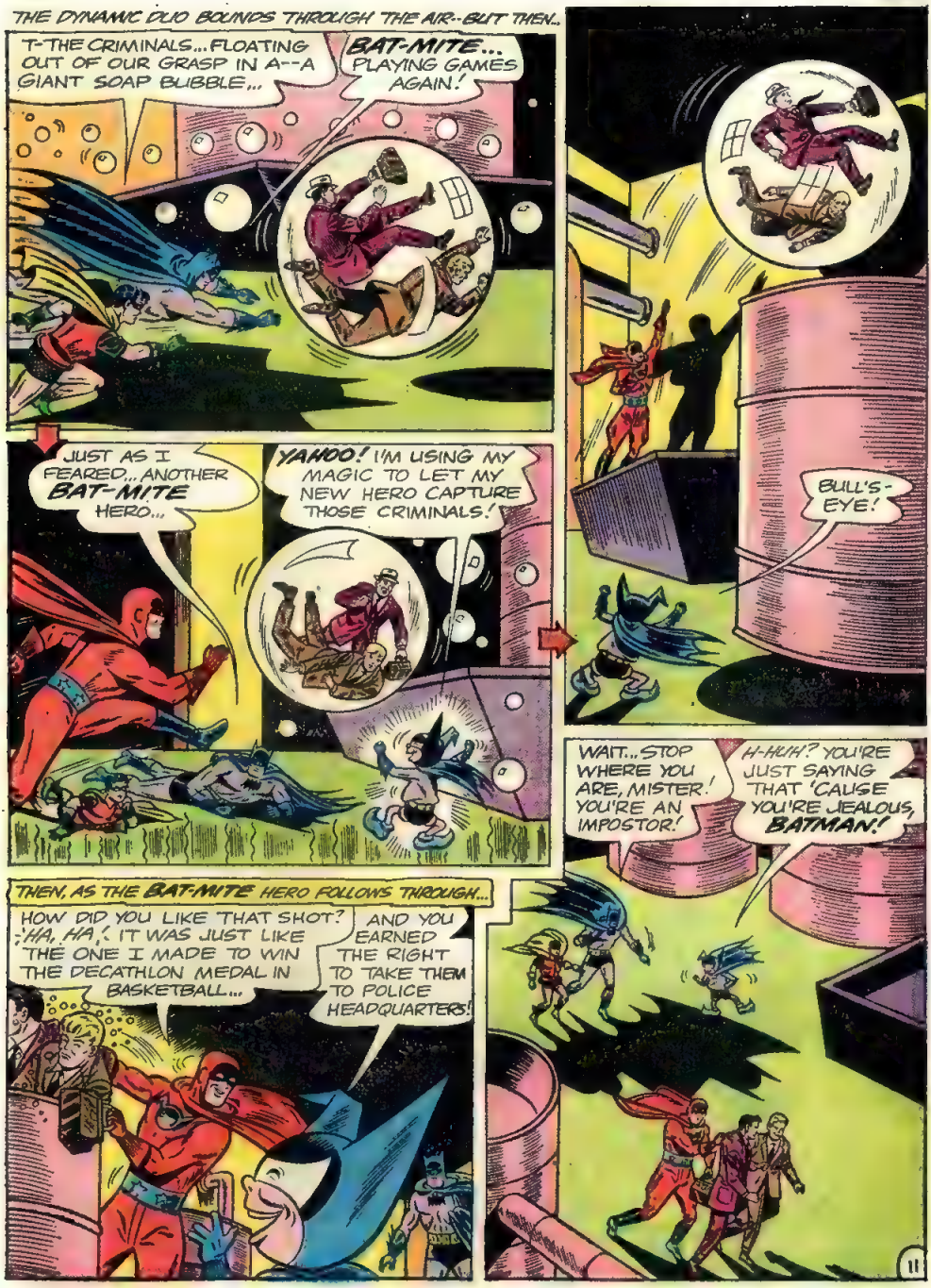
CRIMINALS... ATTEMPTING TO STEAL THE PAYROLL AT THE CLEAN-ALL SOAP FACTORY! WE'LL TRY TO APPREHEND THEM, COMMISSIONER GORDON!

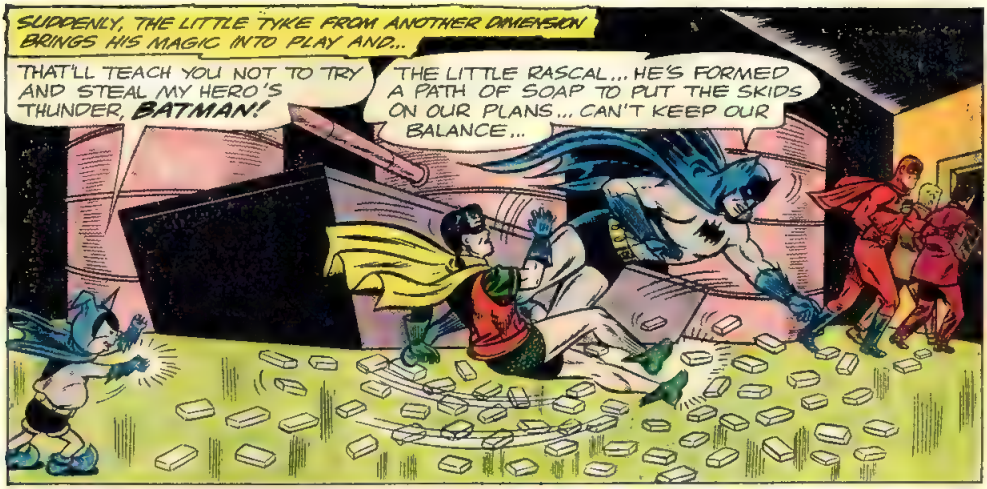
NOT BEFORE MY BAT-MITE HERO DOES, BAT-MAN... ;TEE-HEE; I'LL GET HIM THERE IN TIME WITH MY MAGIC!

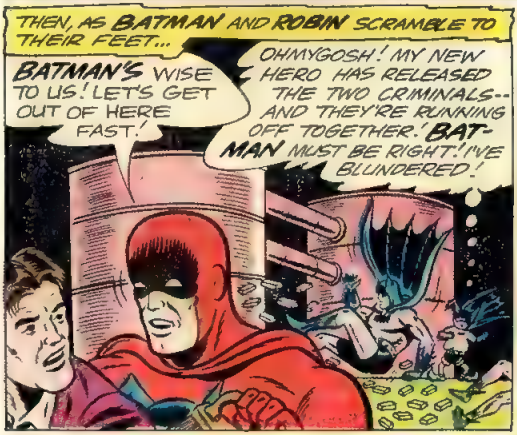
AND SOON AFTER, AT THE SOAP FACTORY...

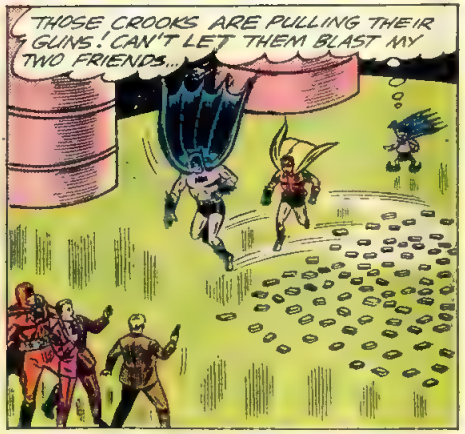
WE'RE JUST IN TIME! THERE GO THE THIEVES... HEADING FOR THE REAR EXIT, BATMAN!

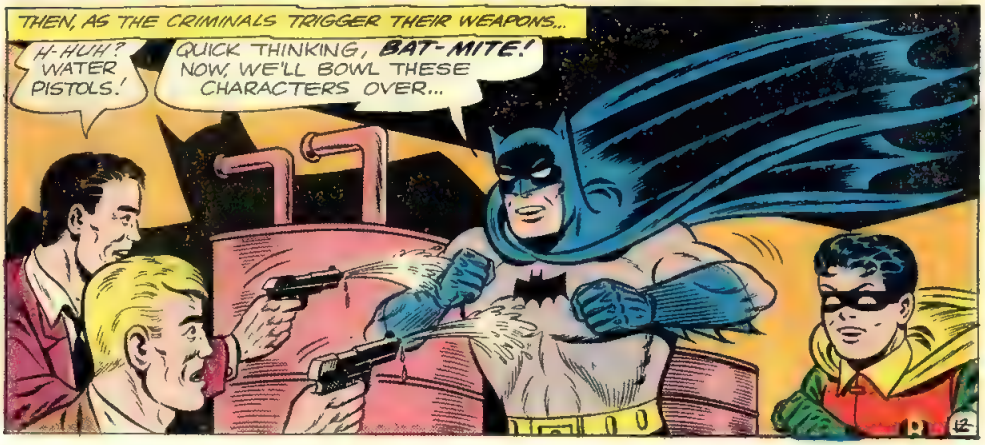
AND THEY HAVEN'T SPOTTED US, ROBIN! LET'S JUMP THEM FROM BEHIND!

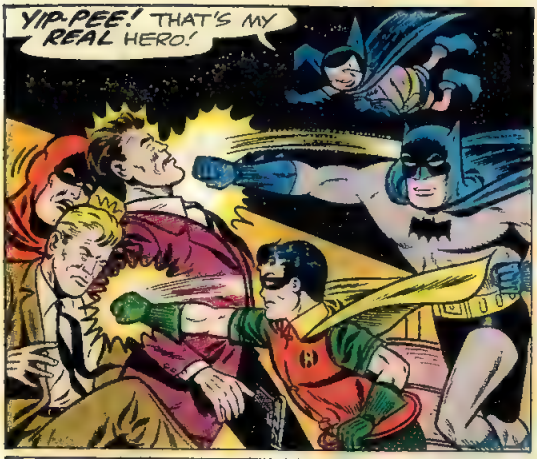

THE DYNAMIC DUO BOUNDS THROUGH THE AIR--BUT THEN..
T-THE CRIMINALS... FLOATING OUT OF OUR GRASP IN A--A GIANT SOAP BUBBLE...
BAT-MITE... PLAYING GAMES AGAIN!
BULL'S-EYE!
JUST AS I FEARED... ANOTHER BAT-MITE HERO...
YAHOO! I'M USING MY MAGIC TO LET MY NEW HERO CAPTURE THOSE CRIMINALS!
WAIT... STOP WHERE YOU ARE, MISTER! YOU'RE AN IMPOSTOR!
H-HUH? YOU'RE JUST SAYING THAT 'CAUSE YOU'RE JEALOUS, BATMAN!
THEN, AS THE BAT-MITE HERO FOLLOWS THROUGH...
HOW DID YOU LIKE THAT SHOT? HA, HA! IT WAS JUST LIKE THE ONE I MADE TO WIN THE DECATHLON MEDAL IN BASKETBALL...
AND YOU EARNED THE RIGHT TO TAKE THEM TO POLICE HEADQUARTERS!

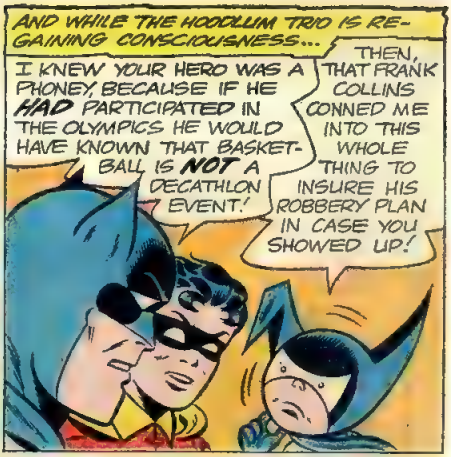

SUDDENLY, THE LITTLE TYKE FROM ANOTHER DIMENSION BRINGS HIS MAGIC INTO PLAY AND..
THAT'LL TEACH YOU NOT TO TRY AND STEAL MY HERO'S THUNDER, BATMAN!
THE LITTLE RASCAL... HE'S FORMED A PATH OF SOAP TO PUT THE SKIDS ON OUR PLANS... CAN'T KEEP OUR BALANCE...

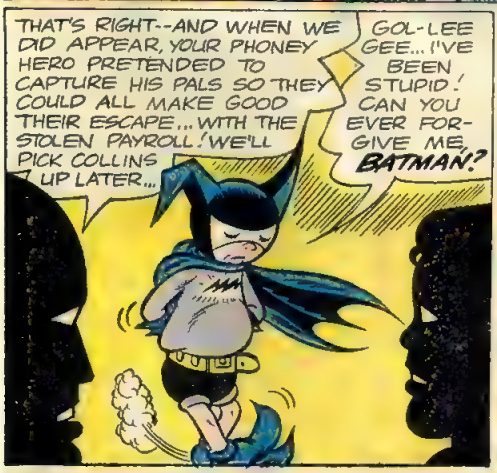

THEN, AS BATMAN AND ROBIN SCRAMBLE TO THEIR FEET...
BATMAN'S WISE TO US! LET'S GET OUT OF HERE FAST!
OHMYGOSH! MY NEW HERO HAS RELEASED THE TWO CRIMINALS-- AND THEY'RE RUNNING OFF TOGETHER! BAT-MAN MUST BE RIGHT! I'VE BLUNDERED!

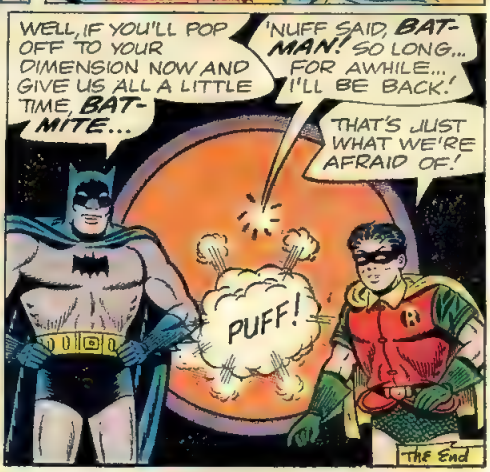

THOSE CROOKS ARE PULLING THEIR GUNS! CAN'T LET THEM BLAST MY TWO FRIENDS...


THEN, AS THE CRIMINALS TRIGGER THEIR WEAPONS...
H-HUH!? WATER PISTOLS!
QUICK THINKING, BAT-MITE! NOW, WE'LL BOWL THESE CHARACTERS OVER...




AND WHILE THE HOODLUM TRIO IS RE-GAINING CONSCIOUSNESS...
I KNEW YOUR HERO WAS A PHONEY, BECAUSE IF HE HAD PARTICIPATED IN THE OLYMPICS HE WOULD HAVE KNOWN THAT BASKET-BALL IS NOT A DECATHLON EVENT!
THEN, THAT FRANK COLLINS CONNED ME INTO THIS WHOLE THING TO INSURE HIS ROBBERY PLAN IN CASE YOU SHOWED UP!


THAT'S RIGHT--AND WHEN WE DID APPEAR, YOUR PHONEY HERO PRETENDED TO CAPTURE HIS PALS SO THEY COULD ALL MAKE GOOD THEIR ESCAPE... WITH THE STOLEN PAYROLL! WE'LL PICK COLLINS UP LATER...
GOL-LEE GEE... I'VE BEEN STUPID! CAN YOU EVER FOR-GIVE ME, BATMAN?


WELL, IF YOU'LL POP OFF TO YOUR DIMENSION NOW AND GIVE US ALL A LITTLE TIME, BAT-MITE...
'NUFF SAID, BAT-MAN! SO LONG... FOR AWHILE... I'LL BE BACK!
THAT'S JUST WHAT WE'RE AFRAID OF!
PUFF!
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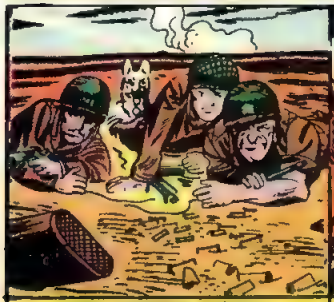

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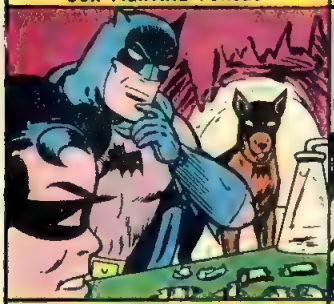

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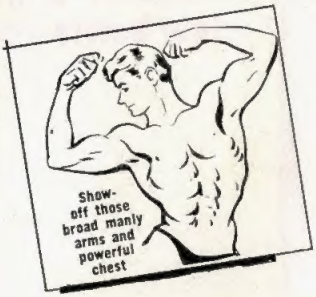

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